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H. R. 4158

To provide for the conveyance to the Government of Mexico of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 2, 2004

Mr. ORTIZ (for himself, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. REYES, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, and Mr. GREEN of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF NOAA VESSEL WHITING.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce shall
5 convey to the Government of Mexico, without consider-
6 ation, all right, title, and interest of the United States in
7 and to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-
8 tion vessel WHITING—

1 (1) for use as a hydrographic survey platform
2 in support of activities of the United States-Mexico
3 Charting Advisors Committee; and

4 (2) to enhance coordination and cooperation be-
5 tween the United States and Mexico regarding hy-
6 drographic surveying and nautical charting activities
7 in the border waters of both countries in the Gulf
8 of Mexico and in the Pacific Ocean.

9 (b) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.—The Govern-
10 ment of the United States shall not be responsible or liable
11 for any remediation, maintenance, or operation of a vessel
12 conveyed under this section after the date of the delivery
13 of the vessel to the Government of Mexico.

14 (c) DEADLINE.—The Secretary shall seek to complete
15 the conveyance by as soon as practicable after the date
16 of the enactment of this Act.

17 (d) DELIVERY OF VESSEL.—The Secretary shall de-
18 liver the vessel WHITING pursuant to this section at the
19 vessel’s homeport location of Norfolk, Virginia, at no addi-
20 tional cost to the United States.

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